

Bank of Alexandria
183 N. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, Virginia

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Washington 25, D.C.

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Present Owner: Lloyd L. Scheffer

Present Occupant and Use: Offices and Apartments

Description:

Brick, Flemish Bond

Number of Stories: 3½

Historical Data

Year of erection: Late 18th C.

Built for (first owner): Bank of Alexandria

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Bank of Alexandria

Notable events and occupants

The character of this building has been to a large extent obscured by alterations (above the first floor level) when it was incorporated into the over-all composition of the ante-bellum hotel known as "Green's Mansion House" (now the Wagar Apartments). Additions include the top floor, the stuccoed wall, Victorian window heads and cast-iron balcony. The bank was originally built as a five-bay, three-story brick structure laid in Flemish bond, with Aquia stone trim. The two-arched doorways capped by keystones with eagles are noteworthy, as are the entrance platform in front and side stairway, both with well designed wrought-iron railings. The Bank of Alexandria, organized in 1792 was the first financial institution chartered by the state of Virginia.

George Washington was a depositor from its founding and stockholder from 1796 until his death. At Mount Vernon is a copy of a printed check form which he used.

The old iron vault built into the wall at the back of the front room and concealed by a cupboard door, is an object of interest to visitors.

References: Mary Lindsay, Historic Homes and Landmarks..., 1944, p. 20.
HABI form, prepared by T. Russell Jones and Worth Bailey,
HABS, National Park Service, December, 1958.

Approved

Dick Sutor
Chief Architect

Date

Feb. 16, 1959

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Addendum to
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